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Letter dated 1 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, and further to our previous letters concerning Israeli attacks on Lebanese territory, I have to inform you that at 4.45 p.m. local time today, 1 November 1991, two Israeli aircraft carried out a missile attack on the Habbouche bridge linking the township of Arabsalim with the town of Nabatiyé. At the same time, two Israeli aircraft bombarded the Ain-Bossoir bridge linking Arabsalim with Ain al-Tasah. The two sites targeted link Iqlim al-Tuffah with the Nabatiyé area. Further, at 5 p.m., Israeli forces attacked the villages of Tabrikha, Baraachit, Aita el-Jabal and Yater with 120-millimetre artillery.

At 10 p.m., 105-millimetre Israeli artillery, firing from a position at Tallet Dabché inside the so-called "security zone", shelled the Nabatiyé-Zibdin road. At the same time, Israeli 120-millimetre artillery shelled the township of Tebnin from a position at Jabal Bassil in the Bint Jbeil-Ain Ebel triangle, and Israeli mechanized concentrations, including 15 tanks, were observed in the Jezzine area and others in the Beit Yahoun area.

The Lebanese Government condemns and deprecates these open Israeli acts of aggression against Lebanon's sovereignty and the security of its citizens, and it calls the attention of the international community and, in particular, of the Security Council, to the gravity of the situation that is arising in southern Lebanon.

These fresh acts of aggression come at a time when the Middle East peace conference is still meeting in Madrid with the goal of finding a durable and comprehensive solution to the problems of the region. Israel's policy once again demonstrates its hostile intentions towards Lebanon and its determination to thwart the efforts currently being made to achieve peace.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Khalil MAKKAWI
Permanent Representative